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The reply brief filed 02/28/2006 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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REPLY BRIEF

Sir:

Appellants hereby reply to the Examiner's Supplement/Second Answer, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193, in their appeal of the final rejection of the claims presently pending in the above-referenced application. This Reply Brief is being submitted as of right within two months of the date of the Examiner's Answer, which was mailed in error to the previous attorney of record in the application.

Applicants are filing as their reply the same reply brief that they filed in response to the Examiner's first answer and respectfully request that this appeal be docketed as quickly as possible as the appeal has now been pending for several years. Indeed, applicants first filed a reply to the Examiner's answer in October 2004.

The PTO is hereby authorized to charge any necessary payments, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 14-1447.